



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

**-We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him
Known!**

Announcements

- **Membership Applications are at the welcome center for those who took the class**
- **“We are family” paperwork at the table – there will be a freezer meal prep day April 16**
- **Please see the bulletin, download the APP, check the website.... There are classes for all ages on Sunday and groups throughout the week that meet to help us grow as disciples and build relationships!**

Living the Faith

- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days a week reading your Bible?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

Romans 6 – the New Life in Christ has set us free from the old life of sin. We are no longer a slave to sin but a slave to righteousness and Christ!

Romans 7 – Prior to Christ the O.T. Law revealed sin but IT COULD NOT SET US FREE! No matter how hard you practiced the law – sin still resided within! No escaping from this fight even if you knew what the Law said!

v25b *So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.*

Romans 8:1-16

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law

might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm

of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to

your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. 12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. 14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your

adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

- The key to living this new life is the Holy Spirit!**
- Too many believers are trying to live the Christian life by their own will, flesh, mind & strength... WE CAN'T!!!**
- Over and over we hear the fact that it is through Christ’s victory - through the Spirit that we are set free and live the new life!**

Romans 8: 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Here is the question:

Do you KNOW the Holy Spirit dwells in you?

- I am not asking if you've had a "Pentecostal church experience." I am asking do you KNOW the Holy Spirit lives within you?

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

1 John 3:24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 4:13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

- **In these and other places we see and hear over and over it is through the Spirit that we are given victory!**
- **We cannot do it on our own and we cannot be victorious in our life by making up our own mind to live that way! It is ONLY by the Spirit that we are set free and it is only by the Spirit that we can live a new life!**

Acts 8:14-17 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

MAYBE these verses are for you? Jesus yes Spirit?

Personal Application

- **Do you live a defeated life? Trying to live right but constantly going back to the same old sin?**
- **Do you have the witness of the Spirit in your spirit?**
- **Have you been filled by the Holy Spirit since you believed?**
- **If you don't know – are you willing to let us lay hands on you?**